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ABSTRACT

In a game system having a monitor, an input unit for supplying a signal corresponding to a player's operation, and a game controller for executing a predetermined card game on a game screen of the monitor with reference to the signal supplied from the input unit, the game controller decides a plurality of cards ~~to be~~ displayed on ~~the~~ game screen ~~to be~~ in a matrix shape. ~~It~~ The game controller sets ~~the~~ a number of lines of a plurality of lines formed by the cards on the game screen, each as an effective line and all of which are in a single, common direction, depending on the value of a play a player sets by operating the input device, ~~of a plurality of lines formed by the cards arranged in a predetermined direction on the game screen, as an effective line,~~ and controls a dividend for ~~the~~ the player ~~respectively~~ according to a combination of the cards on any of the effective line and a combination of the cards in a direction different from the direction of the ~~above-line~~ effective lines.